PROTESTATION AND TESTIMONY Against the Incorporating UNION WITH ENGLAND

Lev: 25. 23. *The Land shall not be Sold for ever.*
Hosea 7. 11. *Ephraim also is like a silly Dove, without Heart, they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.*

Dico tibi verum, Libertas optima rerum,
Nunquam servili sub nexu vivito fili.
Tu ne cede malis sed contra audentior ito,

Sim homicida, sim adulter, modo non filendo
Christus patitur.

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PROTESTATION *and* TESTIMONY
Of the United Societies of the witnessing Remnant *of the* Anti-Popish, Anti-Prelatick, Anti-Erastian, Anti-Sectarian, *true* Presbyterian *Church of Christ in* Scotland, *against the Sinful Incorporating* Union *with* England, *and their* British Parliament, *concluded, and established* May, 1707.

[illegible] will, no doubt, be reputed by many, very unseasonable [illegible] Protest at this time, against this *Union*, now so far [illegible] and by their Law established; but the confideration of the superabounding, palpable and eminent [illegible] hazards, and destructions to Religion, Laws, and Liberties in it, and natively attend it, is such a pressing motive that we can do no less, for the exoneration of our Consciences in shewing our dislike of the same, before the sitting [illegible] *British Parliament*, lest our silence should be astonstrued either a direct or indirect owning of, or Succumbing to the same; And though, having abundantly and plainly Declared our Principles formerly, and particularly in our last Declaration, *May*, 21, 1703, against the then intended [illegible]; and waiting for more plain discovery of Disaffection with, and opposition unto this abominable Course, [illegible] of better Capacitie, yet being herein so far disappointed in our expectations, of such honourable and commendable [illegible] for the Laudable Laws, and Antient Constitu-

ons of this Kingdom, both as to Sacred and Civil [illegible] all these Appearances, whither by Addresses or Pro[illegible] being so far lame and defective, as that the resolutions and purposes of such have never been fairly and freely Remonstrat to the Contrivers, Promoters and Establishers of this [illegible]. The consideration of which, and the Lamentable case, and condition, the Land already is, and may be in, by reason of the same, hath moved us, after the example and in imitation of the cloud of Witnesses who have gone before us to Protest against the same, as being contrar to the Word of GOD, *Lev.* 25. 23. 2. *Chron.* 20. 35, 36. and repugnant to our former *Union with England* in the terms of the Solemn League and Covenant.

And whereas it hath been the good will and pleasure of Almighty God, to grant unto this Nation a Glorious and Blessed Reformation, of the true Christian Religion, from the errors, Idolatry, and superstition of Popery and Prelacy, and therewithall to bless us, with the power and purity of Heavenly Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government in the Church of GOD, according to his Will revealed in the Scriptures; and to let us have all this accompanyed and [illegible] ended, with many great and singular blessings in the Conversion and comfort of many Thousands, and in Reforming and Purging the Land from that grose Ignorance, Blindness and Barbarity, that once prevailed among us. Wherefore our Zealous and worthy Forefathers being convinced of the benefit and excellency of [illegible] incomparable and unvaluable Mercies, thought it their duty, not only by all means to endeavour the preservation of these, but also to transmit to posterity a fair *depositum* and Coppy in purity and integrity, as a fit expedient and mean to accomplish and perfect the [illegible] they entered into the National Covenant [illegible] persons, from the highest to the lowest exceptit [illegible] they bound themselves to defend the Reformation [illegible]

tion in every part & point of the same, with their Lives and Fortunes to the outmost of their power, as may be seen in the National Covenant, of this Church and Kingdom, which was five times Solemnly Sworn.

Likeas the Lord was so pleased to Bless our Land, and to beautify it with his presence, that our neighbour Nations of *England* and *Ireland*, who beheld this, and were groaning under and likeways aiming at the Removal, and abolishing of Popery and Prelacy, had sought and obtained assistance from this Nation to help them in their endeavours for that end, and had been owned of GOD with Success, they likeways thought it fit to enter into a most Solemn League and Covenant with this Church and Kingdom for Reformation and defence of Religion; wherein with their hands lifted up to the most High GOD, they do bind and oblige themselves to maintain, preserve and Defend, whatever measure and degree of Reformation they had attained unto, and mutually to concurr, each with another with their Lives and Fortunes in their several places and callings, in opposition to all the Enemies of the same, as may be seen at large in the Solemn League and Covenant. By means of which, these Nations became (as it were Dedicated and Devoted to God in a peculiar and singular manner, above all other People in the World and that by an indisolvable and indispensable obligation to perform, observe and fulfill the duties Sworn to, and contained therein, from which no power on Earth can absolve us. And so to prosecute and carry on the ends of the same, and to evidence our firm adherance to it, to the outmost of our endeavours, in opposition to every thing contradictory or contrar unto or exclusive of these our Sacred Vows. We have from time to time for these several years bypast emitted and Published several Declarations, and publick Testimonies against the breaches of the same, as is evident not only from our Declarations of late, but also from all the wrestlings and contend-

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ings of the Faithful in former times, all which we here adhere to, approve of, and [illegible]delogate, as they are founded upon the Word of GOD, and are agreeable thereto.

And in this Juncture to perpetuat and Transmitt to Posterity, the Testimony of this Church, and to acquit our selves as faithful to GOD, and Zealous for the concerns of Religion, and every thing that's dear to us as men and Christians. We here Testify and Protest against the prompters to, Promoters or Establishers of, and against every thing that hath tended to the promoting, advancing corroborating, or by Law establishing such a wicked and ruining *Union*; and hereby we also Declare against the Validity of the Proceedings of the late *Parliament* with reference to the carrying on, and establishing the said *Union*; And that their Acts shall not be look't upon as Obligatory to us, nor ought to be by Posterity, nor any way prejudicial to the Cause of GOD, and the Covenanted Work of Reformation in this Church, nor to the Beeing, Liberty and Freedom of *Parliaments*, according to the Laudable and Antient Pratique of this Kingdom, the which we do not only for our selves, but also in the Name of all such, as shall join or concurr with us in this our Protestation, and therefore we Protest

In regard, That the said *Union*, is a visible and plain Subversion of the Fundamental Antient Constitutions, Laws and Liberties of this Kingdom, which we as a free People have enjoyed for the space of about two Thousand Years, without ever being fully Conquered, and we have had singular and remarkable stepts of Providonce preventing our utter sinking, and preserving us from such a Deludge, and overthrow, which some other Nations more miglity and opulent than we, have felt, and whose Memory is much extinct: While by this Incorporating *Union* with *England* in their Sinful terms, this Nation is Debased and Enslaved, it's Antient Independency [illegible] and gone, the *Parliamentary Power Dissolved*, which [illegible]

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the strength, Bulwork and Basis of all Liberties and Priviledges of Persons of all Ranks, of all manner of Courts and Judicatories, Corporations and Societies within this Kingdom; all which, now, must be at the disposal and discreation of the *British Parliament*, (to which, by this *Union*, this Nation must be brought to full Subjection) and further the number of Peers, who have many times ventured their Lives for the Interest of their Country, having Reputation and Success at Home and were Famous and formidable Abroad: And the number of Barons and Burrows Famous sometime, for Courage and Zeal for the Interest of their Country (and, more especially in our Reforming times) all these, reduced to such an insignificant and small Number in the *British Parliament*, we say, (as is also evident from the many Protestations given in to the late *Parliament* against this *Union*) how far it is contrary to the Honour, Interest, Foundamental Laws, and Constitutions of this Kingdom, and a palpable Surrender of the Soveraignity, Rights and Priviledges of the Nation; And how by this Surrender of *Parliament* and *Soveraignity* the people are deprived and denuded of all Security, as to any thing that's agreed to by this *Union*, and all that's dear to them, is daily in danger to be encroached upon, altered or subverted by the said *British Parliament*, managed intirely by the *English*, who seldom have consulted our well-fare, but rather have sought opportunity to injure us, and are now put in a greater capacity with more ease to act to our prejudice: And poor people to be made lyable to Taxes, Levies and unsupportable burdens, and many other Imminent Hazards and Supositions, all which we here Protest against.

As also that which is little considered, (tho most Lamentable) how the Foundamental Constitutions should be altered, subverted, and overturned, not only, *renitente & reclamante populo*, but also by such men, who, if the Righteous and standing Laws of the Nation were put in Execution, are uncapable

of having any Vote or Suffrage in any Judicatory; Seeing the Covenants National and Solemn League, which had the Assent and Concurrence of the Three Estates of *Parliament*, and the Sanction of the Civil Law, Cordially and Harmoniously Assenting to, complying with, and Coroborrating the Acts and Canons of Ecclesiastick Courts in favour of these Covenants, whereby they became the foundation whence any had Right to Reign or Govern in this Land, & also became the Foundation, Limitation, and Constitution of the Government and Succession to the Crown of this Realm, and the Qualification of all Magistrats Supreame, and Subordinate, and of all Officers in Church State or Army, and likewise the ground and condition of the peoples Obedience and Subjection, as may be seen in the Acts, Laws, and Practise of these times: Witness the Admission of *Charles* II. to the Government, *Anno* 1651. From all which it is evident, how blind such men have been, who not only have enslaved the Nation, but have rendered themselves unfamous by such an open and manifest Violation of these Solemn and Sacred Vows to the most High GOD, to the obligation of which they as well as the rest of the Land, are indispensibly bound.

But ah! When we mention these Covenants how notorious and palpable is the breach of, and indignity done to these Solemn Vows by this Sinful *Union*, by means whereof they come to be buried in perpetual Oblivion, and all means for prosecuting their ends are so blockt up by this Incorporating *Union* with *England*, as that what ever is or may be done or acted contrair thereunto, or in prejudice thereof by any of the Enemies of the same, cannot be remeided in a due and impartial Exercise of Church Discipline, and execution of the Laws of the Land against such Transgressors. And if we would open our eyes and consider a little with reference to our National Covenant, we may clearly see that this Incorporating *Union* is directly contrar to that particular Oath and Vow made to

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GOD by us in this Kingdom, which we are obliged to fulfill and perform in a National State and Capacity, as we are a particular Nation by our ſelves, diſtinct in the conſtitution of our Government and Laws from theſe of *England*, and from all others: But now when we ceaſe to be a particular Nation, we being no way diſtinct from that of *England* (which is the very genuine and inevitable effect of this *Union*) how then can we keep our National Vows to God, when we ſhall not be a particular Nation, but only (by means of this Incorporating *Union*) made a part of another Nation, whoſe Government is manag'd, as is very well known, in many things directly contrar to what is contained in the National Covenant of this Land; though we have Charity to believe, there ſhall multitudes be found in the Land who will grant and acknowledge themſelves bound to the obſervation of that Oath by an indiſpenſible ty, which no power on Earth can diſolve.

And what a Palpable breach is this wicked *Union* of our Solemn League and Covenant, which was made and Sworn with uplifted Hands to the moſt High GOD, for Purging and Reforming his Houſe in theſe three Nations from Error, Hereſie, Superſtition and Profaneneſs, and what ever is contrar to ſound and pure Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline, and Government in the ſame: And ſo it involves this Nation in moſt fearful Perjury before GOD, being contrar to the very firſt Article of the Covenant wherein we ſwear to contribute our outmoſt endeavours in our ſeveral Places and Callings to Reform *England* in Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline, and Government; but by this *Union* both we and they are bound up for ever from all endeavours and attempts of this Nature, and have put our ſelves out of a capacity to give any help or aſſiſtance that way; But on the contrar they came to be hardened in their deformation, unpious and ſuperſtitious courſes. And how far contrar to the ſecond Article, where we ſolemnly Abjure Prelacy for ever, when by this *Union*, Prelacy comes for ever to be Eſtabliſh

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and ſettled on the ſureſt and ſtrongeſt foundations Imaginable, as is evident from the Ratification of the Articles in the *Engliſh Parliament*, with the exemplification of the ſame in the *Scots Parliament*, where the Prelatick Government in *England* is made a Foundamental Article of the *Union*; So is it alſo impoſſible for us to fulfill the other part of that Article, where we forſwear Schiſm, which a legal Tolleration of Errors will infer and fix among us, as the native reſult and inevitable conſequence of this *Union*; And how far this is contrar to the Word of GOD, *Deut.* 13. *v.* 6. to the 12. *Rev.* 2. 15. And to our Covenants, any conſidering perſon may decern. As to the third Article any may ſee how far it is impoſſible for us to preſerve the Rights, Liberties, and Priveledges of *Parliament* and Kingdom, when diveſted both of our *Parliaments* and Liberties in a diſtinct National way, or yet as according to the ſame Article, where we are obliged to maintain and defend the King, his Majeſty's perſon and Government in defence and preſervation of the true Religion; how can it be ſuppoſed, that we can anſwer our obligation to this part of the Covenant, when a Corrupt Religion is Eſtabliſhed, as is by this *Union* already done, when Prelatick Government is made a Foun[illegible] thereof. And it is a clear breach of the Fourth Art[illegible] Solemn League and Covenant, where we ſwear to oppoſe all Malignants and hinderers of Reformation and Religion, and yet by this *Union*, the Prelats, who themſelves are the very Malignants and Enemies to all further Reformation in Religion are hereby ſettled and ſecured in all their places of Power and Dignity, without the leaſt appearance or ground of expectation of any alteration for ever.

How offenſive and diſpleaſing unto GOD this Accurſed *Union* is, may be further evident by its involving this Land in a Sinful Conjunction and Aſſociation with Prelats Malignants and many other Enemies to GOD and Godlineſs, and ſtated Adverſaries to our Reformation of Religion and Sworn to

Principles in our Covenants National and Solemn League, and particularly as this *Union*, imbodys and units us in this Land in the ſtrickeſt Conjunction and Aſſociation with *England*, a Land ſo deeply already involved in the breach of Covenant, and Peſtered with ſo many Sectaries, Errors and abominable practices, and joins us in Iſſue and Intereſt with theſe, that are Tollerators, Maintainers and Defenders of theſe Errors, which the word of GOD ſtrictly prohibits, 2 *Chro.* 19. 2. *Iſa.* 8. 12. *&c.* and our Sacred Covenanrs plainly and expreſly abjures. And further how far and deeply it ingages this Land in a Confedracy and Aſſociation with Gods Enemies at Home and Abroad in their Expeditions and Counſels; a courſe ſo often Prohibeted by GOD in his Word, and viſibly Pleagued in many remarkable inſtances of Providences, as may be ſeen both in Sacred and Hiſtorical Records, and the unlawfulneſs thereof, on juſt and Scriptural grounds, Demonſtrate by famous Divines, even of our own Church and Nation, and ſet down as a cauſe of Gods wrath againſt this Church and Kingdom. And how deteſtable muſt ſuch an *Union* be, whoſe Native tendency leads to wear off, from the Diſſenting Party in *England* all ſight ſenſe, conſideration and belief of the indiſpenſableness of the Solemn League, & hardning Enemies in their oppoſition to it, and theſe of all ranks in the habitual breach of it: Yea alſo how ſhamefully it leads to the obliterating and Extinguiſhing all the Acts of *Parliaments* and *Aſſemblies* made in favours of theſe Covenants and Reformation, eſpecially between 1638 and 1649 *incluſive.* And not only ſo, but to a trampling on all the Blood of Martyrs during the late Tyranical Reigns, and a plain burying of all the Teſtimonies of the Suffering and contending party in this Land, in their firm, faithfull and conſtant Adherance to the Covenanted work of Reformation, and their Declarations, Proteſtations, and Wreſtlings againſt all the indignities done unto, & uſurpations made upon the Royal Crown and Prerogative of the Mediator, & all the Priviledges and Intrinſick Rights of this Church. We ſay, not only burying theſe in perpetual Oblivion by the

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copestone of the Land Sins and defections, but also opposing and condemning these as matters of the least concern and trivial, as not being worthy of the contending and suffering for, whereby these who ventured their Lives, and their All, may be reputed to have dyed as Fools, and suffered Justly.

We cannot here omitt also to Declare and Testify against the Constitution of the *Brittish Parliament*, not only upon the consideration of the foresaid grounds and reasons but also upon the account of the Sinful mixture, and unlawful Admission of Bishops and Church men, to have a share in the Legislative Power, or in any place in civil Courts or affairs, and thereto Act or Vote forensically in Civil matters, a thing expresly forbidden and discharged by Christ the only head and Lord of his own house, whose Kingdom, as Mediator, is not of this World, but purely Spiritual; and so the Officers in his house must be Spiritual; so that the Civil power of Church men is a thing inconsistent and incompatible with that Sacred and Spiritual Function. Upon which consideration, how palpable a Sin will it be to subject to, or accept of any Oath that may be imposed by the said *British Parliament*, for the maintainance and support of such an *Union*, or for recognoscing, owning and acknowledgeing the Authority of the said *Parliament*, and that because of our Swearing, and promising Subjection to the said *Parliament*, we do thereby homologate the foresaid Sinful Constitution, and Swear, and promise Subjection to the Bishops of *England* who are a considerable part of that *Parliament*, and so we shall be bound and oblidged to maintain and uphold them in their Places dignities and Offices which is contrar the word of GOD and our Covenants, while the very first Article of the Solemn League Oblidges us to endeavour the Reformation of Religion in the Kingdom of *England* in Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government according to the Word of GOD, as well as in *Scotland*. And it is very well known that the Government of Bishops is not according to the Word of GOD, but contrar to it, 1. *Pet.* 5. 3. *Mat.* 20. 25. 26. And likeways contrar the Second Article of the Solemn League

whereby we are obliged to the Extirpation of Prelacy, that is Church Government by Archbiſhops, Biſhops, *&c.* which we will be obliged by ſuch an Oath to maintain and defend. And beſides from the conſideration of the Perſon that by the Patrons and Eſtabliſhers of this *Union*, and by the Second Article of the *Union* it ſelf, is nominated and deſigned to Succeed after the Deceaſe of the preſent Queen *Anne* in the Government of theſe Nations, to wit the Prince of *Hanover*, who hath been bred and brought up in the *Luthren* Religion, which is not only different from, but even in many things contrar unto that purity, in Doctrine, Reformation and Religion, we in theſe Nations had attained unto, as is very well known. Now the admitting ſuch a Perſon to Reign over us, is not only contrar to our Solemn League and Covenant, but to the very Word of GOD it ſelf. *Deut.* 17. 15. requiring and commanding one from among their Brethren, and not a Stranger who is not a Brother to be ſet over them: whereby undoubtedly is underſtood, not only ſuch who were of Conſanguinity with the people of the Land, but even ſuch as ſerved and Worſhiped the GOD of *Iſrael*; and not any other, and that in the true and perfect way of Worſhiping and ſerving Him, which He himſelf hath appointed, as they then did, to which this intended Succeſſion is quite contrary. And beſide this, he is to be Solemnly engaged and Sworn to the Prelats of *England*, to maintain Protect and Defend them in all their Dignities, Dominion and Revenues, to the preventing and excluding all Reformation out of theſe Nations for ever.

And upon the like and other weighty Reaſons and Conſiderations (as Popiſh Education, Converſation, &c.) We proteſt againſt, and diſown the pretended Prince of *Wales* from having any juſt Right to Rule or Govern theſe Nations, or to be admitted to the Goverment thereof. And whereas (as is reported) we are Maliciouſly aſperſed by theſe who profeſs themſelves of the Presbyterian Perſwaſion, eſpecially the *Laodicean* Preachers that we ſhould be acceſſory to the advancement of him whom they call the Prince of *Wales* to the Throne of *Britain*. Therefore to let all concerned be fully aſſured of the con-

trary, We proteſt and teſtifie againſt all ſuch ſo Principled to have any Right to rule in thir Lands, becauſe we look upon all ſuch to be ſtanding in a ſtated oppoſition to God and our Covenanted work of Reformation. Not that we contemn, deny or reject Civil Government and Governours (as our former declared Principles to the World make evident) but are willing to maintain, own, defend and ſubject to all ſuch Governours as ſhall be admitted according to our Covenants, and Laws of the Nation, and Act in Defence of our Covenanted work of Reformation, and in Defence of the Nations ancient Liberties and Priviledges, according to the Laudable Laws and practique of this Kingdom.

And further we cannot but deteſt, abominate and ablior, and likeways proteſt againſt the vaſt and unlimitted Tolleration of Error and Sectaries, which as a neceſſary and native conſequence of this *Union* will inevitably follow thereupon, and whereby a plain and patent way is laid open for theſe Errors, which will certainly have a bad influence upon all the parts, pieces, and branches of the Reformation, both in Doctrine, Worſhip, Diſcipline and Government, yea even upon the moſt Momentuous and Fundamental Articles of the *Chriſtian Faith*. For hereby Anabaptiſts, Eraſtians, Socinians, Arminians, Quakers, Theiſts, Atheiſts and Libertines of all kinds, with many others (which abound and ſwarm in that Land) will come crouding & thronging in among us, venting & vomiting up their damnable and Helliſh Tenets and Errors to the Deſtruction of Souls, and great Diſhonour of God in many reſpects, and that without any Check or Control by Civil Authority, as is evident from the preſent practice of *England*, as having gotten full and free Libertie for all this by means of this accurſed *Union*. How then ought not every one to be affrayed, when Incorporating themſelves with ſuch a People ſo expoſed to the fearful and Tremendous Judgments of GOD, becauſe of ſuch groſs impieties and immoralities (not that our Land is free of ſuch hainous Wickedneſſes as may draw down a Judgment, but there theſe evils are to a degree) for what unparalled Univerſal, National Perjury is that Land guilty of [illegible]

ward GOD and Man (though there were no more) by the Breach of the Solemn League and Covenant, that they once made with this Nation, for the Defence and Reformation of Religion: but alſo what abominable Laſciviouſneſs, Licentiouſneſs, Luxury, Arrogancy, Impiety, Pride and Inſolence, together with the vileſt of Whoredoms, avowed Breach of Sabbath, and moſt dreadful Blaſphemies, yea the contempt of all that's Sacred and Holy; gets Liberty to Reign and Predomine without Check or Challenge, ſo that joining with ſuch People, cannot but expoſe us, as wellas them, to the juſt Judgment of GOD, while continuing in theſe Sins.

And here we cannot paſs by the Unfaithfulneſs of the preſent Miniſters (not that we Judge all of them to be caſt in the ſame Ballance) who at the firſt beginning of this Work ſeemed to be ſo Zealouſly ſet againſt it, and that both in their Speeches, Sermons and Diſcourſes (which was duty) But yet in a very little after flinched from, and became generally ſo dumb, ſilent, indifferent or ambiguous to the Admiration of many, ſo that People knew not what to conſtruct.

But from what cauſe or motive they were ſo influenced, they know beſt themſelves: Sure their Duty both to GOD and Man was, to ſhew and declare, how ſhameful, hurtful, and highly ſinful this Courſe was as ſo Circumſtantiat. And if Miniſters Faithfulneſs and Zeal to the concerns of Chriſt had led them to ſuch freedom and plainneſs, as was duty in ſuch a matter, and had diſcovered how contrary this *Union* was to the Fundamental Laws and ſworn Principles, by all probability they might have had ſuch influence, as to ſtop ſuch an unhallowed and unhappy Project. But it ſeems their Policy hath outwitted their Piety, their pleaſing of Man in conniving at, if not complying with their deſign that was carried on, hath weighed more with them, than the pleaſing of GOD, in their Witneſſing and Teſtifiing againſt it. (But to ſay no more) by the negligence of Miniſters on the one Hand, and the Politicks of States-men on the other hand, this Wicked & naughty Buſſineſs has been carryed on & accompliſhed, to the provoc-

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ing of God enſlaving the Nation, and bringing the ſame under manifeſt Perjury and Breach of Covenant. But how to evite the Judgments pronunced againſt ſuch, we know not, but by returning to their firſt Love, taking up their firſt Ground, and ſtanding to Sworn Covenants, ſolemnly unto GOD, and adhereing to the Cauſe of GOD, and the Faithful Teſtimonies of this Church, and ſeeking back unto the old path, abandoning and ſhaking off and forſaking all theſe God-provoking & Land ruining Courſes; we ſay, We know and are perſwaded, there can be no mean to retrive us in this Land, but by unfeigned Repentance, and returning unto Him, from whom we have ſo deeply Revolted. And among the Politicks of this Age, it could not but be reckoned the Wiſdom of the Nation, if ever they get themſelves recovered out of the ſnare, to Animadvert upon all ſuch, as have had any Hand in the contriving or manadging it, as being Enemies both to GOD and their Country; which courſe if it had been taken in former times, with ſuch who were Enemies to Religion and Liberty, it would have deterred ſuch from being ſo active in this fatal ſtroak.

Upon theſe and many more weighty Conſiderations, plain & demonſtrable evils in this complex Maſs of Sin and Miſery, all the true Lovers of *Zion*, who deſire to be found Faithful to GOD, to their Vows and Sworn Principles, and who ſeek to be found Faithful in their Generation and duty of the Day: And all ſuch, who deſire, love and reſpect the Honour, Independency, Liberty and Priviledge of their Native Countrey, eſpecially in ſuch a Juncture, when long threatned Judgments are ſo imminent, and Religion and Liberty as it were, in their laſt Breathing, will eaſily find it to be their bound duty (as they would not conſpire with Adverſaries to Religion and Liberty) to ſhew no favour or reſpect, and give no Encouragment or Aſſiſtance that may tend to the upholding or ſupporting this *Union*; but that it is their duty and concernment (as well as ours) to Teſtify and declare againſt the ſame, and to concurr with their utmoſt endeavours to ſtop and hinder the ſame, and to deny their Acceſſion to, Connivance at, or Com-

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And now to draw this our Protestation to a Conclusion, we heartily invite, and in the Bowels of our *Lord Jesus Christ* intreat all in both Nations, who tender the Glory of GOD, the removing the causes of His Wrath, Indignation and imminent Judgments upon us, And who desire the continuance of his Tabernacle, Gospel Ordinances, and Gracious presence among us, and seek and contend earnestly for the Faith once delivered to the Saints; and labour to follow the Footsteps of these who throu' Faith and Patience inherit the Promise, the noble Cloud of Witnesses who have gone before us; we say, We Heartily invite and intreat such to consider their ways, and to come and join in a Harmonious, Zealous and Faithful withstanding all and every thing that may be like a hightning, or Cope-stone of our Defections, and particularly to join with us (according to our Reformation, Covenants, Confession of Faith, and Testimonies of our Church, as agreeable to the Sacred and unerring Rule of Faith and Manners, the Holy Scriptures) in this our Protestation and Testimony. And for these effects we desire that this our Protestation may be a standing Testimony to present & Succeeding Ages, against the sinfulness of this Land-running, God-provoking, Soul-destroying and Posterity-enslaving and ensnariug *Union*, and this *ad futurum rei memoriam*. And to evite the Brand and *odium* of passing the Bounds of our Station, and that this our Protestation may be brought to the view of the World; We have thought fit to publish and leave a Copy of the same at *Sanquhar* by a part of our Number, having the unanimous consent of the whole so to do. Given at the 2 day of *October* 1707.

Jer. 2. 5. *Thus saith the Lord, What iniquity have your Fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?* v. 10. *For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing.* v. 11. *Hath a Nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.* v. 14. *Is Israel a servant? is he a home-born slave? why is he spoiled?* v. 18. *And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river.* v. 19. *Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts.* Deut. 19. 14. *Thou shalt not remove thy neighbours land-mark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance which thou shalt inherit in the land that the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it.* 1. King. 21. 3. *And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.* Zech. 11. 5. *And they that sell them say, Blessed be the Lord for I am rich, &c.* Zeph. 3. 4. *They have done violence to the Law.* Hos. 7. 8. *Ephraim hath mixed himself among the people.*

Let God arise, and let all his Enemies be scattered.